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from 204 to 3,686; organized churches from 6 to 49; Sunday-school pupils from 286 to 2,364. We have no figures for the other missions but doubtless they would prove how the statements of Father Maher are inaccurate. We often see in Roman Catholic publications statements to the effect that the Protestant propaganda does not succeed in converting Roman Catholics in Latin countries. First, we must bear in mind that the Latin races have practically rejected the Roman church, and we also know that there are splendid types of converts from infidelity and Romanism in Spain, France, Ireland, and South America. To those who know the facts, the boldness of the manner in which some Roman

Catholics write history seems at least remarkable.

### **A Royal Tribute to American Missions**

The emperor of Japan has made a personal gift of 50,000 yen (\$25,000) toward the equipment of St. Luke's International Hospital. In addition to this royal gift, the Japanese National Council of St. Luke's International Hospital, the chairman of which is Count Okuma, Japan's premier, have subscribed 100,000 yen (\$50,000). This tribute to the value of medical missionary work will at least prove that the attitude of the Japanese toward the United States is not what the yellow press claims.

## **CHURCH EFFICIENCY**

### **The Churches and the Unemployed**

One of the most serious problems that those interested in social welfare will have to face this winter is that of the unemployed. The churches of New York are making an earnest effort to grapple with the situation in that city. The federated churches have appointed a strong committee of fifty from the Protestants, Catholics, and Hebrews. It will be known as the Interchurch Unemployment Committee and will co-operate with business, labor, and charitable organizations. By means of special committees it will endeavor to prevent duplication in dealing with the problem of the unemployed. The committees will co-operate with the government authorities with regard to public employment agencies in state and city. It is their purpose to treat the unemployment problem as a problem of applied religion. This experiment will be watched with interest by church federations of other cities.

### **Ministerial Education for Negroes**

President George Rice Hovey, D.D., of the Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va., in the January number of *Missions*, makes a plea for an educated ministry for the negro. He emphasizes the fact, now proved, that the negro has capacity for higher education. The negroes need an educated ministry for the same reason that white men need it, but the need is intensified by the ignorance of true Christianity that exists even among this ministry. Their churches are not attracting the better educated of their own race and there is grave danger of the more enlightened becoming materialistic.

Dr. Hovey looks for the solution of many of the perplexing problems of the negro race through the leadership of an educated ministry, which would have greater opportunity than almost any other agency to influence them.